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[Click Here for the Pronunciation Key](#)**prop·a·gate**

(click to hear the word) (prōp'ə-gāt')

v. prop·a·gat·ed, prop·a·gat·ing, prop·a·gates**v. tr.**

1. To cause (an organism) to multiply or breed.
2. To breed (offspring).
3. To transmit (characteristics) from one generation to another.
4. To cause to extend to a broader area or larger number; spread: *missionaries who propagate the faith*.
5. To make widely known; publicize: *propagate a rumor*.
6. **Physics** To cause (a wave, for example) to move in some direction or through a medium; transmit.

v. intr.

1. To have offspring; multiply.
2. To extend to a broader area or larger number; spread.
3. **Physics** To move through a medium.

[Latin *prōpāgāre*, *prōpāgāt-*; see *pag-* in Indo-European roots.]**prop·a·ga·ble**(-gə-bəl) **adj.****prop·a·ga·tive adj.****prop·a·ga·tor n.**[▲ BACK TO TOP](#)

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(click to hear the word) (trāns-mīt', trānz-)

v. trans·mit·ted, trans·mit·ting, trans·mits**v. tr.**

1. To send from one person, thing, or place to another; convey. See Synonyms at convey, send¹.
2. To cause to spread; pass on: *transmit an infection*.
3. To impart or convey to others by heredity or inheritance; hand down.
4. To pass along (news or information); communicate.
5.
 - a. Electronics To send (a signal), as by wire or radio.
 - b. Physics To cause (a disturbance) to propagate through a medium.
6. To convey (force or energy) from one part of a mechanism to another.

v. intr.

To send out a signal.

[Middle English transmitten, from Latin trānsmittere : trāns-, *trans-* + mittere, *to send*.]**trans·mit·ta·ble adj.**[▲ BACK TO TOP](#)

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